



Susquehanna Trail Dog Training Club

September 2016

Old Friends

by Connie Cuff



Our dogs in training, knowing their limits, their place, and you as their leader, will give them a sense of order and security. In Basic Obedience and Puppy Training they learn to focus their attention, listen to words, concentrate for longer periods of time, and finally to work. His attention will turn to you. His only aim is to please you. He studies you and recognizes how you hold your body, when you're happy, angry, nervous or tired.

He learns the kind of language and manners that allow him to live well with humans, sharing space and pleasures without being a menace or pest. Functioning within the limits you set for him gives him the anxiety-free life he needs. In gratitude and awe, he'll "dog" your footsteps and look upon your face with a devotion you'll never find in

another human.

He has a benevolent leader. He's got a good home. He's trained so he has the run of the house and manners to go almost anywhere. You feed him, you brush him, you talk to him when you get home, you kiss his hairy head. What more could any dog ask?

A dog is such a simple soul. He needs a few rules, some exercise and education, a balanced diet, a place to rest his weary head, and the companionship of a loving master to make him feel secure and happy. These are the important ingredients for preventing dog problems: Your tone of voice, Your posture, Your attitude, Your understanding will speak eloquently to him. Above all, remember his mother: be fair, be firm, correct him when necessary, forgive him rapidly, and love him well. Your dog will willingly do anything within his ability if he understands clearly what you want him to do.

Understanding what he needs and how he thinks will also help you to enjoy him even more than before - as a Dog.

Till next time,

Connie

Minutes (August 2, 2016)

submitted by Karen Sodrick

President's Report

Marjean has started a 6 week Star Puppy Class with 8 members. We will not begin another new one until after we return to the Selinsgrove Center.

We have a visit at the Sunbury YMCA summer camp on Tuesday, August 23rd to promote the Northumberland County Fair Pet Costume contest. Please consider coming, puppies are welcome.

The Turtle Creek Dog Park is looking for donations to stay open. Number to call is 570-752-3930 or 1-866-454-6692.

Our Halloween Parade theme will be Ghost Busters. This year we are walking and would like to use a van for music and possibly additional decorations. We will be wearing khaki pants and carry a backpack with a hose and flashlight. Our dogs will be the ghosts.

Sunbury Pool dog swim is Sunday, August 14 from 1-6. Phil Hallden is in charge and help is needed. All proceeds to to Mostly Mutts.

The club picnic is Sunday, Sept 18 at 1 at the Hilltop Pavilion here at at the Marina. We supply hotdogs, soda and water. Please bring a covered dish and a dog-related item for the Chinese auction. We need a count so please sign up.

I have purchased a new copier and it is working very well. Laurie Cooper will order the ink through the Internet for me.

We are busy visiting nursing home and residents love seeing puppies. If you would like to join us please let Connie know in advance.

Each month the Newsletter is published with all the scheduled events. If there are any changes members are notified via club email. Please keep the schedule handy as with such a large membership it is impossible to notify everyone each time we make a visit. If you have a question please email Brandon and he will forward it to me.

Submitted by,
Karen Sodrick



Notes and Notices



Congratulations to the following Star Puppy Graduates;

**Lindsay Malecki - Lab Mix - Rory Lyon
Bernice Heitzman - Australian Shepherd - Rylea
Jeremy & Annie Stahl - Golden Retriever - Sage
Kealy & Jared Stumpff - Labrador - Tobias Blaze
Joshua Frank & Karen - Pembroke Welsh Corgi - Alfie
Brittany Schenck - Bernese Mt. Dog - Bow
Lisa Yeager, Mix - Elka**

A new Star Puppy Class will begin in October at the Selinsgrove Center, the date to be announced.

Congratulations to Robert Rosenberg and Gabriella with Tanner in passing the Canine Good Citizen Test.

The Club Picnic is Sunday Sept. 18 at 1:00pm at Pavilion #2 at the Shikellamy State Park Marina. Last day to sign up is Tues. Sept. 13. Everyone should bring a covered dish, a dog related item (unwrapped) for the Chinese Auction, and your place setting. We supply hot dogs and drinks.

Please check emails and Club postings for our move to the Selinsgrove Center in Sept. With the lessening of daylight we will need to move inside.

Our sponsorship at the Northumberland County Fair Pet Costume Contest went well with 25 participants. Thank you to members who came that evening and Laurie Cooper for organizing it.

We are preparing for the Sunbury and Norry Halloween Parades Oct. 20 and Oct. 26. Our theme this year is Ghost Busters and we need to have a sign up for those participating. We will be walking this year without a float.

The Doggie Swim at the Sunbury Pool was a great success with \$400 collected for Mostly Mutts. Thanks to Phil Hallden and Club members.

Peanut Butter alert: A new type of peanut butter (& other nut butters) is being sold with less sugar but now includes xylitol as a sweetener. That is what is used in some sugarless gums and it can be deadly to your dog. Many people use peanut butter as a dog treat or to fill a Kong.

UPCOMING THERAPY VISITS AND CLUB ACTIVITIES

Sept. 1 (Thurs)	Grandview Geisinger Rehab, Health South	1:00pm 2:00pm
Sept. 5 (Mon)	CSIU, Champ Ave. Sunbury Five Star, Susquehanna Ave. Sunbury	11:30am 1:00pm
Sept. 7 (Wed)	Riverwoods Heritage Springs CSIU Montandon	10:00am 11:15am 12:00pm
Sept. 8 (Thurs)	Shamokin Hospital VNA, Shamokin Life Geisinger	12:15pm 1:15pm 2:00pm
Sept. 9 (Fri)	Doggie Dive, Lewisburg Pool	4:00pm - 7:00pm
Sept. 10 (Sat)	Doggie Dive	Noon - 4:00pm
Sept. 11 (Sun)	Doggie Dive	Noon - 4:00pm
Sept. 14 (Wed)	Riverwoods Heritage Springs Bucknell - Graham Building Pavilion	10:00am 11:15am 12:30pm
Sept. 15 (Thurs)	Sunbury Community Hospital Mansion Nursing Home Manor Care	1:00pm 2:00pm 2:45pm
Sept. 18 (Sun)	Club Picnic, Shikellamy Marina Pavilion #2	1:00pm
Sept. 21 (Wed)	Riverwoods Heritage Springs	10:00am 11:15am
Sept. 22 (Thurs)	Grayson View, Selinsgrove	6:30pm
Sept. 28 (Wed)	Riverwoods Heritage Springs	10:00am 11:15am
Sept. 29 (Thurs)	Holy Family Convent Geisinger Rehab, Health South	1:00pm 2:00pm
Oct. 3 (Mon)	Nottingham Village	6:30pm

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September 2016

- Susquehanna Trail Dog Training Club
- US Holidays

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4	5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Labor Day ■ 11:30 AM CSIU Sunbury ■ 1:00 PM Five Star 	6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 6:15 PM Training Class ■ 6:45 PM AKC STAR Puppy Class ■ 7:15 PM Beginner Training 	7 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 10:00 AM Riverwoods ■ 11:15 AM Heritage Springs ■ 12:00 PM CSIU Montandon 	8 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 12:15 PM Shamokin Hospital ■ 1:15 PM VNA ■ 2:00 PM Life Geisinger 	9 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 4:00 PM Doggie Dive, Lewisburg Pool 	10 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 12:00 PM Doggie Dive, Lewisburg Pool
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